

opening 86. It is envisioned that the athletic bag 70 measures approximately 40 inches in length.

It is further envisioned that the athletic bag 70 be available in multiple colors for corresponding with team colors.--

Please replace the first paragraph on page 12, with the following:

--An insert opening 96 is formed at a top portion 97 of each ball-receiving cylinder 90, and can be opened and closed with the use of a flap 98 formed at the top portion 97 thereof. A thin, linear strip of VELCRO® material 105 is sewn to an underside of each flap 98, and along an outer surface 99 of the ball-receiving cylinder 90 just below the insert opening 96 formed therein, so as to facilitate both the opening and closing of the insert opening 96.--

Amended Claims

3.(Once Amended) The equipment carrier of Claim 2, wherein said cart further comprises:
a support stand having an elongated, hollow, cylindrical U-shaped configuration affixed to lower external circumferential sidewalls of said U-shaped portion of said base member at corners so as to provide structural stability thereto.

4.(Once Amended) The equipment carrier of Claim 1, further comprising a hand-operated inflating pump securely attached to an outer, elongated sidewall of an upright member of said main frame in a linear fashion so as to provide a means for inflating sports balls requiring inflation.